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Dear Mr. Wood:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 10-349 and proposed by the Indiana Department of Child Services ("DCS"). The proposed rule adds 465 IAC 2-1.5 concerning the licensing of foster family homes for children. The proposed rule establishes the qualifications of the foster family and establishes the requirements for the physical facilities of the foster family home, the care of children in the foster family home and the training of the foster parent.

The economic impact statement prepared by the DCS indicates that there are approximately 5,198 foster homes in Indiana but few, if any, of them would meet the definition of a "small business". Therefore, the DCS estimates that the proposed rule will result in no increased costs to small businesses.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with the proposed rule. The impact statement provided by DCS indicates that the proposed rule will not result in additional cost to small businesses. Additionally, the current rule has not been updated since 1947 and DCS believes the updated requirements are necessary to ensure that appropriate foster homes are licensed. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or [rasberry@iedc.in.gov](mailto:rasberry@iedc.in.gov).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Asberry".

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